

## MineLens survey confirms the significant impact of COVID-19 on mining operations

COVID-19 is affecting every type of business, including mining and metals industry, and so we've taken a closer look into how it has impacted mining operations specifically. Launching the MineLens Industry Survey in early July has allowed us to collect insights from >60 senior executives, mine managers, and owners to investigate the current state of the industry. (To get a more granular perspective on the impact of COVID-19 on selected commodities, read our latest article on [McKinsey.com](https://www.mckinsey.com), "Lessons from the past: Informing the mining industry's trajectory to the next normal.")

The survey revealed that:

**75%** Admit significant impact on mining operations

**65%** Expect fundamental changes to operational models

### COVID-19 impacted mining operations globally, however there are some regional and commodity trends:

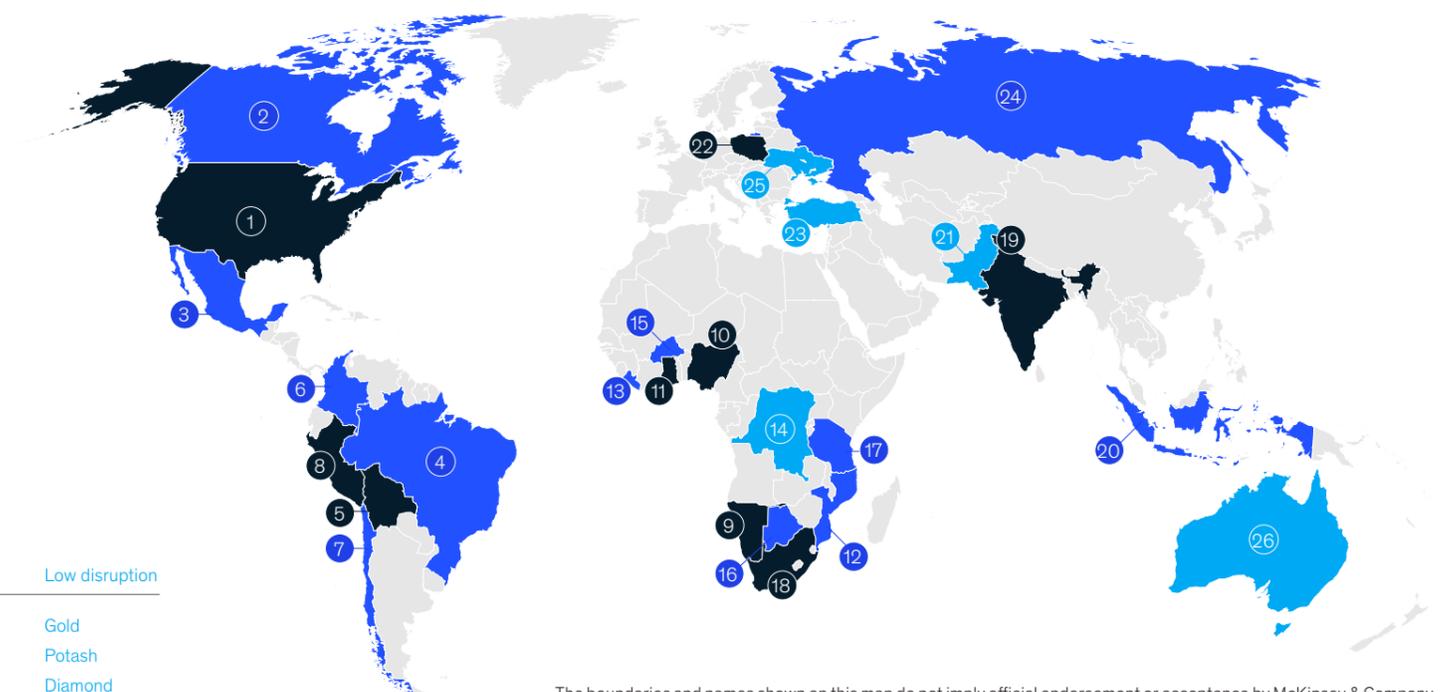
#### Level of disruption

■ High ■ Moderate ■ Low

- 1 USA
- 2 Canada
- 3 Mexico
- 4 Brazil
- 5 Bolivia
- 6 Columbia
- 7 Chile
- 8 Peru
- 9 Namibia
- 10 Nigeria
- 11 Ghana
- 12 Mozambique
- 13 Liberia
- 14 DRC
- 15 Burkina Faso
- 16 Botswana
- 17 Tanzania
- 18 South Africa
- 19 India
- 20 Indonesia
- 21 Pakistan
- 22 Poland
- 23 Turkey
- 24 Russia
- 25 Ukraine
- 26 Australia

High disruption Moderate disruption Low disruption

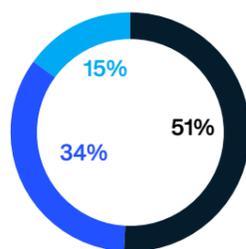
Iron ore Copper Gold  
Coal Lithium Potash  
Construction materials Aluminum Diamond



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#### Production

Has decreased by ~42%. Planned production reduction for 2020 was ~30%. The main reasons for this decrease are a reduction in demand and limited workforce

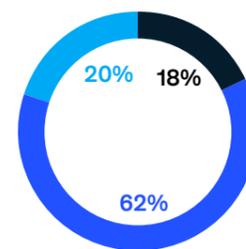


#### Has production increased/decreased/ remained the same?

■ Decreased  
■ Remained the same  
■ Increased

#### Operating costs

Most operating costs have increased by ~16%. The main reasons for this are additional infrastructure and transportation costs

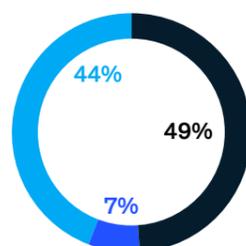


#### Was there any change in operating costs observed?

■ Decreased  
■ Remained the same  
■ Increased

#### Supply and demand

Half of the respondents have experienced major disruptions in final product delivery, which is mainly due to reduction in demand and downstream consumption

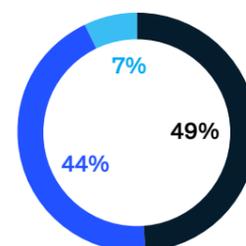


#### Was a disruption in supply & demand observed?

■ No disruption, and none expected  
■ No disruption yet, but expecting disruption in 4-6 weeks  
■ Already experiencing disruption

#### Capital costs

Half of all operations have decreased their 2020 budgets. The main reasons cited were "cancellations" and "pause of expansions"



#### Has the capital budget been impacted?

■ Decreased  
■ Remained the same  
■ Increased

### Most respondents mentioned that their highest priority is workforce and mine planning



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